

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
3443 Routier Road, Suite A, Sacramento, California 95827

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
and  
NOTICE OF FILING OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS  
concerning

A BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT TO CONTROL THE DISCHARGE OF ORCHARD  
PESTICIDE RUNOFF AND DIAZINON RUNOFF INTO THE SACRAMENTO AND  
FEATHER RIVERS

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan) to Control Orchard Pesticide Runoff and the Discharge of Diazinon into the Sacramento and Feather Rivers. As part of amending the Basin Plan, the Regional Board will consider certification of the draft "functionally equivalent" environmental documents prepared pursuant to Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code and Title 23 California Code of Regulations sections 3775-3782. The public hearing, to be conducted during the October Regional Board meeting, is scheduled at the time and location noted below:

Date: October 16 or 17, 2003

Time: To be determined

Place: Sacramento Area, Location to be determined

Further information about the date, time and location will be available approximately two weeks before the hearing at

[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board\\_meetings/index.html#2003](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board_meetings/index.html#2003).

Staff is proposing for Regional Board consideration a Basin Plan Amendment to Control the Discharge of Orchard Pesticide Runoff and Diazinon Runoff. The Basin Plan amendment is necessary to address toxic diazinon concentrations within the Sacramento and Feather Rivers, and pesticides in orchard runoff within the Sacramento Valley. The Basin Plan Amendment includes new water quality objectives for diazinon in the Sacramento and Feather Rivers; a total maximum daily load for diazinon into the Sacramento and Feather Rivers; a conditional prohibition of diazinon discharges into the Sacramento and Feather Rivers; and an implementation plan for the control of diazinon discharge and orchard pesticide runoff in the Sacramento Valley. The Basin Plan Amendment would apply to agricultural users of diazinon within the Sacramento Valley, orchard growers in the Sacramento Valley, and municipalities discharging stormwater and treated wastewater, directly or indirectly into the Feather River of the Sacramento River upstream of Sacramento. Draft environmental documents have been prepared for

the proposed amendments, which conclude that the proposed Basin Plan Amendments will have no significant effects on the environment.

The draft staff report for the proposed amendments, which includes the environmental documentation required under CEQA, may be obtained by contacting Joe Karkoski at (916) 255-3368 or [karkosj@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:karkosj@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov). The draft amendment and staff report are also available for downloading in PDF format at

[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/programs/tmdl/sac\\_feather\\_diaz](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/programs/tmdl/sac_feather_diaz)

Regional Board staff will prepare a written response to comments that are submitted by October 1, 2003 to Joe Karkoski, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, 3443 Routier Road, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95827. Written comments should be submitted by that date to allow adequate time for consideration of the comments. At the hearing on October 16 or 17, staff will summarize the written comments and present a final recommendation for Regional Board consideration. Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Regional Board at the hearing, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Sections 647-647.5 and 649-649.6 and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water\\_laws/index.html](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at [http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board\\_meetings/mtgprocd.html](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html) or by contacting any one of the Board's offices.

Confirmation of the hearing date and any questions regarding the proposed amendments should be directed to Joe Karkoski at (916) 255-3368 or [karkosj@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:karkosj@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov). The meeting facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations, or individuals with questions about hearing procedures, are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 255-3039 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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